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EP 215 317 is in German. No patent equivalent in English is available. An abstract in English is provided which is believed to indicate the relevance of the EP publication. The Examiner is directed to Tables and Figures of the published EP application for additional indications of relevance.

FR 2,702,674 is in French. An English abstract is provided which is believed to indicate the relevance of the French patent publication. U.S. 5,607,657 (submitted herewith) is understood to be the U.S. equivalent of FR 2,702,674.

References known to the applicants have been listed on PTO-1449. That information is cited in a spirit of forthrightness and cooperation to enable the applicants to obtain that measure of protection for the invention to which there is entitlement. However, no representation is made that the listed art actually qualifies as prior art under the patent statute and the mere use of PTO-1449 is not an admission that all listed references are prior art. No representation is made that applicants know of the best art.

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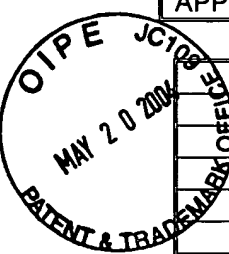
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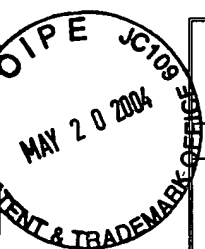
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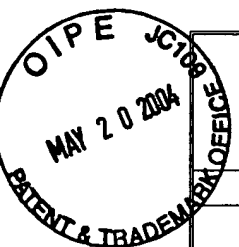


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